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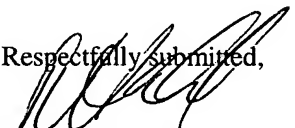
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2. Preliminary Amendment

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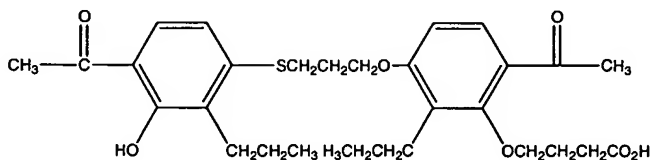
Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Pages 1 – 2, rewrite section 0007 as follows:

[0007] We have observed that 4-[6-acetyl-3-[3-(4-acetyl-3-hydroxy-2-propylphenylthio)propoxy]-2-propylphenoxy]butyric acid (1), which is Example 33 in Ohashi et al., is orally active for treatment of asthma and allergic diseases and that the solid compound can crystallize into several distinct polymorphs when prepared in bulk. It has been discovered that the crystallization conditions, particularly temperature, is critically important for preparing the different polymorphs.



Rewrite page 2, section 0009, as follows: